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TABLE 1
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1986

NOTE: These labor force data are supplied by the Department of Labor from their Current Population Survey.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)	SEPTEMBER 1986	AUGUST 1986	JULY 1986	SEPTEMBER 1985
Total civilian labor force[a]	13,430	13,334	13,330	12,932
Total civilian employment	12,570	12,451	12,390	11,983
Total unemployment	860	883	940	949
Seasonally adjusted rate (percent)	6.4	6.6	7.1	7.3
Range[b]	5.7–7.1	5.9–7.3	6.4–7.8	6.6–8.0
U.S. seasonally adjusted rate	7.0	6.8	6.9	7.1
UNADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)				
Total civilian labor force[a]	13,391	13,459	13,498	12,897
Total civilian employment	12,564	12,562	12,480	11,991
Total unemployment	827	896	1,017	907
Unadjusted rate (percent)	6.2	6.7	7.5	7.0
Range[b]	5.5–6.9	6.0–7.4	6.8–8.2	6.3–7.7

a/ Total labor force (and components) by place of residence and including workers involved in trade disputes. Employment includes self-employed, unpaid family and domestic workers.

b/ Range as shown is at the 90 percent level of confidence.

HIGHLIGHTS California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September was 6.4 percent, down from 6.6 percent in August 1986. A year ago, in September 1985, the rate was 7.3 percent. During September in California, seasonally adjusted employment increased by 119,000 to 12,570,000 while during the same period unemployment decreased by 23,000 to 860,000. The United States' civilian seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in September 1986 was 7.0 percent compared to 7.1 percent in September 1985.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, not seasonally adjusted, increased by 129,900 from August 1986 to September 1986. All major sectors of the California economy, excluding mining, reported employment growth during September. The largest increase in employment occurred in education as teachers and school employees returned to work. Employment in wholesale and retail trade expanded by 19,300 over the month. The services sector added 16,300 new jobs and employment in construction increased by 6,600. Since September 1985, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment has expanded by 218,100 which represents a 2.0 percent increase over the year.

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TABLE 2
EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE WORKING-AGE POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA 1/

(Numbers in Thousands)

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	SEPTEMBER 1986	AUGUST 1986	JULY 1986	SEPTEMBER 1985
Total				
Labor Force	13,391	13,459	13,498	12,897
Employed	12,564	12,562	12,480	11,991
Unemployed	827	896	1,017	907
Unemployment Rate	6.2	6.7	7.5	7.0
Male, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	7,152	7,177	7,171	6,886
Employed	6,770	6,766	6,721	6,483
Unemployed	382	411	450	403
Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.7	6.3	5.9
Female, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	5,476	5,397	5,391	5,240
Employed	5,174	5,072	5,022	4,890
Unemployed	302	325	369	351
Unemployment Rate	5.5	6.0	6.8	6.7
Both Sexes, Age 16–19				
Labor Force	764	885	936	771
Employed	621	724	738	618
Unemployed	143	160	199	153
Unemployment Rate	18.7	18.1	21.2	19.8
White				
Labor Force	11,448	11,470	11,571	11,008
Employed	10,821	10,785	10,741	10,252
Unemployed	627	685	831	756
Unemployment Rate	5.5	6.0	7.2	6.9
Nonwhite				
Labor Force	1,943	1,989	1,927	1,889
Employed	1,743	1,777	1,740	1,739
Unemployed	200	211	187	150
Unemployment Rate	10.3	10.6	9.7	7.9

1/ Data supplied by the Department of Labor from their current population survey. No comparable data available for areas within California.

TABLE 3
EARNINGS AND HOURS 2/ OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING IN CALIFORNIA

Area	Average weekly earnings			Average hours per week			Average hourly earnings		
	August 1986	July 1986	August 1985	August 1986	July 1986	August 1985	August 1986	July 1986	August 1985
California	$420.00	$414.32	$406.42	40.0	39.8	40.2	$10.50	$10.41	$10.11

2/ Average hours and earnings are based upon data for full-time and part-time production and related workers in manufacturing industries. Average gross weekly and hourly earnings include overtime pay and premium wages for late-shift work. Attention is directed to the fact that these are not wage rates but are averages of gross earnings.

TABLE 4
MONTHLY WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ANALYSIS FOR SEPTEMBER PRELIMINARY
EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS OF JOBS
—DATA NOT ADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY—

INDUSTRY TITLE	CURRENT MONTH SEPTEMBER 86	PREVIOUS MONTH AUGUST 86	YEAR AGO SEPTEMBER 85	NUMERICAL CHANGE		PERCENT CHANGE	
				MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR	MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR
Total Nonagricultural Employment	11,303.0	11,173.1	11,084.9	129.9	218.1	1.2	2.0
Mining	42.1	42.6	50.9	−0.5	−8.8	−1.2	−17.3
Metal Mining	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fuel Mining	33.3	33.9	41.9	−0.6	−8.6	−1.8	−20.5
Nonmetal Mining	7.0	6.9	7.2	0.1	−0.2	1.4	−2.8
Construction	508.8	502.2	506.3	6.6	2.5	1.3	0.5
General Building Contractors	135.1	133.3	135.6	1.8	−0.5	1.4	−0.4
Heavy Construction	70.1	68.9	72.2	1.2	−2.1	1.7	−2.9
Special Trade Contractors	303.6	300.0	298.5	3.6	5.1	1.2	1.7
Manufacturing	2,133.8	2,128.5	2,121.7	5.3	12.1	0.2	0.6
Nondurable Goods	668.2	669.4	662.8	−1.2	5.4	−0.2	0.8
Durable Goods	1,465.6	1,459.1	1,458.9	6.5	6.7	0.4	0.5
Food and Kindred	194.7	196.9	195.2	−2.2	−0.5	−1.1	−0.3
Canned, Cured, Frozen Sea Foods	5.3	5.4	5.0	−0.1	0.3	−1.9	6.0
Preserved Fruits and Vegetables	70.0	75.2	72.1	−5.2	−2.1	−6.9	−2.9
Other Food and Kindred Products	119.4	116.3	118.1	3.1	1.3	2.7	1.1
Textile Mill Products	13.9	13.9	13.8	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.7
Apparel and Other Textile Products	109.1	108.3	106.2	0.8	2.9	0.7	2.7
Paper and Allied Products	41.3	41.0	40.6	0.3	0.7	0.7	1.7
Printing and Publishing	144.4	143.8	140.4	0.6	4.0	0.4	2.8
Chemicals and Allied Products	63.8	64.1	63.8	−0.3	0.0	−0.5	0.0
Petroleum and Coal Products	27.5	27.7	29.0	−0.2	−1.5	−0.7	−5.2
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	66.5	66.7	65.9	−0.2	0.6	−0.3	0.9
Leather and Leather Products	7.0	7.0	7.9	0.0	−0.9	0.0	−11.4
Lumber & Wood Prod. exc. Furniture	64.0	63.8	60.0	0.2	4.0	0.3	6.7
Furniture and Fixtures	61.8	60.9	59.7	0.9	2.1	1.5	3.5
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	52.1	51.7	51.6	0.4	0.5	0.8	1.0
Primary Metal Industries	41.7	41.3	41.4	0.4	0.3	1.0	0.7
Fabricated Metal Products	146.5	145.5	147.6	1.0	−1.1	0.7	−0.7
Machinery except Electrical	220.4	220.9	227.1	−0.5	−6.7	−0.2	−3.0
Electrical Equipment and Supplies	420.4	419.4	420.2	1.0	0.2	0.2	0.0
Transportation Equipment	311.3	308.9	302.6	2.4	8.7	0.8	2.9
Motor Vehicles and Equipment	35.2	34.0	34.9	1.2	0.3	3.5	0.9
Aircraft and Parts	167.8	166.8	158.2	1.0	9.6	0.6	6.1
Ship & Boat Building & Repairing	15.8	15.5	19.1	0.3	−3.3	−1.9	−17.3
Guided Miss., Space Vehicles Parts	81.2	81.4	78.7	−0.2	2.5	−0.2	3.2
Other Transportation Equipment	11.3	11.2	11.7	0.1	−0.4	0.9	−3.4
Instruments and Related Products	112.3	112.0	112.6	0.3	−0.3	0.3	−0.3
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	35.1	34.7	36.1	0.4	−1.0	1.2	−2.8
Transportation and Public Utilities	576.7	572.8	571.8	3.9	4.9	0.7	0.9
Transportation	333.3	328.3	324.2	5.0	9.1	1.5	2.8
Railroads	22.7	22.8	23.6	−0.1	−0.9	−0.4	−3.8
Trucking and Warehousing	138.0	135.6	132.6	2.4	5.4	1.8	4.1
Other Transportation	172.6	169.9	168.0	2.7	4.6	1.6	2.7
Communications	160.4	161.3	166.4	−0.9	−6.0	−0.6	−3.6
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	83.0	83.2	81.2	−0.2	1.8	−0.2	2.2
Wholesale Trade	699.8	696.1	677.3	3.7	22.5	0.5	3.3
Retail Trade	2,025.2	2,009.6	1,966.6	15.6	58.6	0.8	3.0
General Merchandise Stores	238.9	236.8	234.1	2.1	4.8	0.9	2.1
Food Stores	284.8	281.5	279.1	3.3	5.7	1.2	2.0
Other Retail Trade	1,501.5	1,491.3	1,453.4	10.2	48.1	0.7	3.3
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	767.7	767.1	748.4	0.6	19.3	0.1	2.6
Finance	368.2	368.6	362.1	−0.4	6.1	−0.1	1.7
Insurance Agents, Carriers, Brokers	201.3	200.9	194.5	0.4	6.8	0.2	3.5
Real Estate	176.7	176.2	171.4	0.5	5.3	0.3	3.1
Comb. Holding and Other Investment Co.	21.5	21.4	20.4	0.1	1.1	0.5	5.4
Services	2,748.7	2,732.4	2,670.0	16.3	78.7	0.6	2.9
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	146.1	147.6	147.8	−1.5	−1.7	−1.0	−1.2
Personal Services	126.3	124.9	120.5	1.4	5.8	1.1	4.8
Business Services	670.4	667.7	650.8	2.7	19.6	0.4	3.0
Auto and Misc. Repair Services	170.2	169.8	165.9	0.4	4.3	0.2	2.6
Motion Pictures	75.6	75.2	76.4	0.4	−0.8	0.5	−1.0
Amusement and Recreation Services	118.7	120.9	115.3	−2.2	3.4	−1.8	2.9
Health Services	676.9	675.2	652.2	1.7	24.7	0.3	3.8
Other Services	764.5	751.1	741.1	13.4	23.4	1.8	3.2
Government	1,800.2	1,721.8	1,771.9	78.4	28.3	4.6	1.6
Federal Government	340.5	342.6	346.0	−2.1	−5.5	−0.6	−1.6
State and Local Governments	1,459.7	1,379.2	1,425.9	80.5	33.8	5.8	2.4
County	239.4	243.2	230.2	−3.8	9.2	−1.6	4.0
City	201.3	209.8	199.7	−8.5	1.6	−4.1	0.8
Education	737.0	643.0	722.2	94.0	14.8	14.6	2.0
Education State	142.7	136.2	141.5	6.5	1.2	4.8	0.8
Education Local	594.3	506.8	580.7	87.5	13.6	17.3	2.3
Other State and Local	282.0	283.2	273.8	−1.2	8.2	−0.4	3.0
State exc ed	183.9	184.9	178.4	−1.0	5.5	−0.5	3.1
Special District	98.1	98.3	95.4	−0.2	2.7	−0.2	2.8
Total Agriculture	429.0	394.0	445.1	35.0	−16.1	8.9	−3.6

SOURCE: Employment Development Department, Employment Data and Research Division
NOTE: Current month's data are preliminary.

TABLE 5
MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
AUGUST 1986

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
			NUMBER	PERCENT*
STATE TOTAL	13,458,700	12,562,400	896,300	6.7
Alameda	653,100	616,200	36,900	5.7
Alpine	375	350	25	6.8
Amador	9,425	8,825	600	6.4
Butte	69,550	64,150	5,400	7.8
Calaveras	10,075	9,375	700	7.0
Colusa	8,500	7,925	575	6.9
Contra Costa	386,700	366,500	20,200	5.2
Del Norte	7,225	6,550	675	9.4
El Dorado	53,300	50,800	2,500	4.7
Fresno	308,600	279,000	29,600	9.6
Glenn	11,375	10,050	1,325	11.6
Humboldt	48,175	44,675	3,500	7.3
Imperial	40,950	29,000	11,950	29.2
Inyo	9,175	8,600	575	6.4
Kern	217,900	193,600	24,300	11.2
Kings	35,175	31,750	3,425	9.7
Lake	21,775	20,050	1,725	7.9
Lassen	9,050	8,425	625	6.8
Los Angeles	4,131,000	3,808,000	323,000	7.8
Madera	33,100	29,900	3,200	9.7
Marin	126,800	122,700	4,100	3.3
Mariposa	7,675	7,325	350	4.5
Mendocino	35,300	32,850	2,450	6.9
Merced	74,775	67,500	7,275	9.7
Modoc	4,750	4,475	275	5.8
Mono	4,600	4,300	300	6.7
Monterey	157,800	146,100	11,700	7.4
Napa	50,100	47,100	3,000	6.0
Nevada	28,225	26,575	1,650	5.8
Orange	1,215,500	1,166,700	48,800	4.0
Placer	71,900	68,500	3,400	4.7
Plumas	9,175	8,550	625	6.7
Riverside	351,700	322,000	29,700	8.5
Sacramento	471,600	445,700	25,900	5.5
San Benito	16,975	15,325	1,650	9.7
San Bernardino	454,600	428,200	26,400	5.8
San Diego	1,007,100	956,500	50,600	5.0
San Francisco	412,700	390,100	22,600	5.5
San Joaquin	195,100	177,500	17,600	9.0
San Luis Obispo	87,900	84,050	3,850	4.4
San Mateo	344,100	331,100	13,000	3.8
Santa Barbara	175,700	167,600	8,100	4.6
Santa Clara	824,600	779,400	45,200	5.5
Santa Cruz	121,200	113,500	7,700	6.3
Shasta	52,900	48,175	4,725	8.9
Sierra	1,525	1,425	100	6.3
Siskiyou	18,450	16,625	1,825	9.8
Solano	130,500	122,600	7,900	6.0
Sonoma	179,900	170,600	9,300	5.1
Stanislaus	152,300	136,600	15,700	10.3
Sutter	25,325	23,175	2,150	8.5
Tehama	19,275	17,575	1,700	8.9
Trinity	6,075	5,625	450	7.4
Tulare	127,750	113,850	13,900	10.9
Tuolumne	16,875	15,800	1,075	6.4
Ventura	323,900	299,500	24,400	7.5
Yolo	65,800	62,100	3,700	5.7
Yuba	23,525	21,350	2,175	9.2

*NOTE: Census ratios used in deriving these estimates are from the 1980 Census. Unemployment rate is based on unrounded data. Data not seasonally adjusted. Imperial County estimates are lower beginning with the January 1986 report due to a change in the method of estimating unemployment.